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Chancellor search update

Illustration: Samantha Gonzales

Acting within the law

Brandon Stookey
News Editor

Some may question whether the search advisory committee for the new chancellor is violating the Open Door Laws (ODL) and Access to Public Record Acts (APRA) when it refuses to reveal who is interviewed and where the interviews are conducted.

Others might wonder what the secrecy is all about. The search committee states maintaining confidentiality is to protect qualified candidates from losing their current job.

Rachel McMahon, biology student, understands the search committee's reason for maintaining confidentiality, but she does not believe candidates will lose their current job.

"Its good for their benefits, but not for the school's benefit," she said.

John Rowan, interim dean for LASS and co-chair for the committee, said, "There are no plans for any public presentation or interview at this time."

Sharmaine Coronado, junior computer graphic major, said the finalists should come to campus so the community may be able to express their opinion about the potential candidates.

She said if a chancellor is picked without the community being able to meet the other candidates, PUC will never know why this individual was picked over the other candidates.

McMahon added, "I think that's really beneficial and we would at least know what they can bring to the school."

Indiana's government public access counselor was contacted to determine if the search advisory committee is violating the ODL and the APRA.

The ODL states a committee is considered a governing body only if it consists of two or more

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SGA surging forward

Kali Porzel
Chronicle Correspondent

SGA is working hard to be of service by creating several different diverse committees focusing on specific tasks to make PUC better for the students and faculty. The chancellor search committee and the university affairs committee had much to report at the last student organization meeting.

The biggest concern for SGA is the chancellor search committee and SGA President Jessie Martin explained during the meeting there is still one more round of interviews left in the search process. The committee managed to get the number of applicants down to a size appropriate to send in and they will be ranked by their suitability for the position.

Another topic discussed at the meeting was the university affairs committee working hard to help around PUC. SGA Senator Nathyn Gibson explained to other members they were working to make campus more comfortable and efficient for students and faculty by attempting to get paper towels stationed around different parts of the campus. Gibson explained PUC students have trouble cleaning messes because there are no paper towels in the bathrooms anymore. The switch to all hand dryers was efficient for washing hands, but not for cleaning up a spill.

The committees also reported to other senators about the different ideas they were trying to implement, such as professor reviews. SGA believes the Web site "Rate My Professor" is the most effective way to get feedback

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Veterans speak
in honor of Disabilities Awareness Month

Carl Kurek
Business Manager

On the second day of Disability Awareness Month, last Wednesday, students, faculty and area residents alike filled Alumni Hall to hear remarks from several speakers during PUC's Disability Awareness Month program. The keynote speaker at the event was Major. Tammy Duckworth of the Illinois Army National Guard.

Duckworth is assistant secretary for public and intergovernmental affairs for the Department of Veterans Affairs and served as a Black Hawk Helicopter pilot during Operation Iraqi Freedom. She lost both of her legs in 2004 when she and the rest of the crew aboard a combat helicopter were ambushed.

Duckworth spent time recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center where she said doctors and other personnel never let her think her injuries would hold her back.

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Jessie Martin
Student Body President

Hello PUC students!

As we enter the eighth week of the semester and midterms are upon us, I hope you have had a successful first half of the semester thus far. Best of luck this week in finishing the first half strong, and I hope you all have a chance to relax and kick back over the upcoming Spring Break.

Keeping in mind the fact that we have reached the midpoint of the semester, there are a few updates to make on a few of the initiatives we have been working on this semester.

The idea of an SGA Student Discount Card has been floated around for awhile, but this semester the idea has progressed significantly. With the leadership of one of our Senators from the School of Engineering, Mathematics and Sciences, Philip Mann, a proposal was put together and put forth to the Student Services Fee Committee for approval. If funding for this proposal is secured, then a robust SGA Student Discount Card could be made available for every student at Purdue University Calumet.

In addition to the SGA Student Discount Card, we have been working to become more involved in the contract negotiations for our food services provider. The SGA believes that since nearly our entire over 9,000 student constituency are consumers of the food services provider here on campus, students need to have more input into the process. The SGA realizes that this is a critical issue for many students here at Purdue University Calumet, and we are working diligently to address *those concerns students have regarding food* services.

We continue to work on several initiatives, including the possibility of a textbook exchange program, a review of University policies, and putting together an ad-hoc committee to begin working on future plans and proposals concerning Health, Fitness and Recreation.

I would like to conclude by listing some key dates for the upcoming month, including dates concerning Election events. As I always do, I encourage any student who has questions, comments or concerns to either e-mail us at pucstudent.gov@gmail.com, visit our Facebook page, or stop by our office in SULB 324F. Thanks again for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as President of the Student Government Association.

~ Jessie Martin | Student Body President

Important Dates:

March 7th @ 5 p.m. - Election Applications Due (Senators and President/Vice President)

March 11th @ 11 am and 1 pm - All Candidates Meeting (SULB 324F)

March 22nd @ 6 pm - Meet the Candidates Night

March 23rd - Presidential Debate

March 23rd @ 8 pm - Student Senate Meeting

March 28th @ 10 am - Election Polls open

March 31st @ 6 pm - Election Polls close

April 1st - Election Winners Announced

What's Going On?
A look around PUC...

Student Activites Banquet

The following awards will be presented at Student Activities' Annual Awards Banquet. Nominations must be submitted to Student Activities by March 11 at 4:30pm.

- Outstanding Student Organization Leader Award
- Student Organization Advisor Award
- Annual Student Organization Awards (2)

Application forms are at *http://webs.calumet.purdue.edu/studentactivities/* Click on the following links for details and nomination applications.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, April 9th at Andorra Banquets in Schererville at 5:30pm.

Tickets will go on sale starting March 11th in SUL-104B.
The price is $10 with PUC Student ID and $20 for guests.
Students will be refunded their $10 when they attend the banquet.

Organizations purchasing tickets through their account must have approval in their meeting minutes and present a copy of those minutes at time of purchase.

Purdue Theatre Company

The Purdue Theatre Co. is pleased to bring to campus a rousing performance by

Tim Mooney. The professional actor will portray Moliere, the great French playwright and

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Call 989 2357 for more information. Seating is limited. Contact Corya Channing x 2267.

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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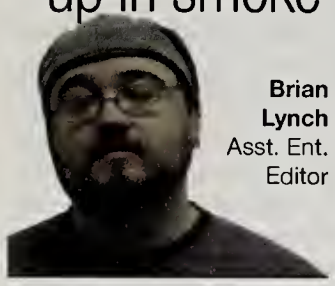
An evening up in smoke



Brian Lynch
Asst. Ent. Editor

Comedian Bill Hicks once described humanity as "a virus with shoes." After an evening last week, I'm inclined to agree.

It was supposed to be one of the greatest shows I've ever seen. The Pogues, a band I have loved for years, was playing a show at the Congress Theater in Chicago on the last leg of their farewell tour. My group got there early, had a bite to eat, bought some merch, and found a spot near the front of the stage.

We waited patiently for over two hours, enduring the opening act and the equipment change-out. It was going to be worth it. It's The Pogues! Unfortunately, I was reminded of exactly why I stopped going to shows: people are jerks.

As the band took the stage, a wave of drunken fans decided they were entitled to push their way past the people who had been waiting hours to get a better spot. More than once I had beer spilled on me by these fools as they shoved people out of their way.

If that was my only complaint, I could let it go. You paid for a ticket, you want to be able to see the band. You could have gotten here earlier, but whatever. No, what ruined my evening and nearly caused me to get into a fistfight was far worse than that.

"a virus with shoes."

The Congress Theater is a fairly big place, but the hall was packed for the show. There's no ventilation, and airflow was barely existent. It's for this reason, and several others, that the theater is non-smoking like the rest of Illinois. What a perfect place to light up!

That's exactly what people did, dozens, in fact. Now, I'm a smoker, I get it. I wanted a cigarette too. You know what I did? I waited, because I'm not a complete tool.

The reason this bothered me as much as it did is because my girlfriend, who had come to the show just as eager to see the band, has asthma. After moving a half-dozen times to get away from the smoke, she went into an asthma attack.

Needless to say, it wasn't a great night.

I'm not going to end this with an appeal for a return to common decency. I'd either be preaching to the choir or shouting at deaf ears. What I will say is it's a shame some people can be so selfish and inconsiderate, especially considering we were all there for the same thing.

Oh, and in case anyone is wondering, The Pogues put on a great show.

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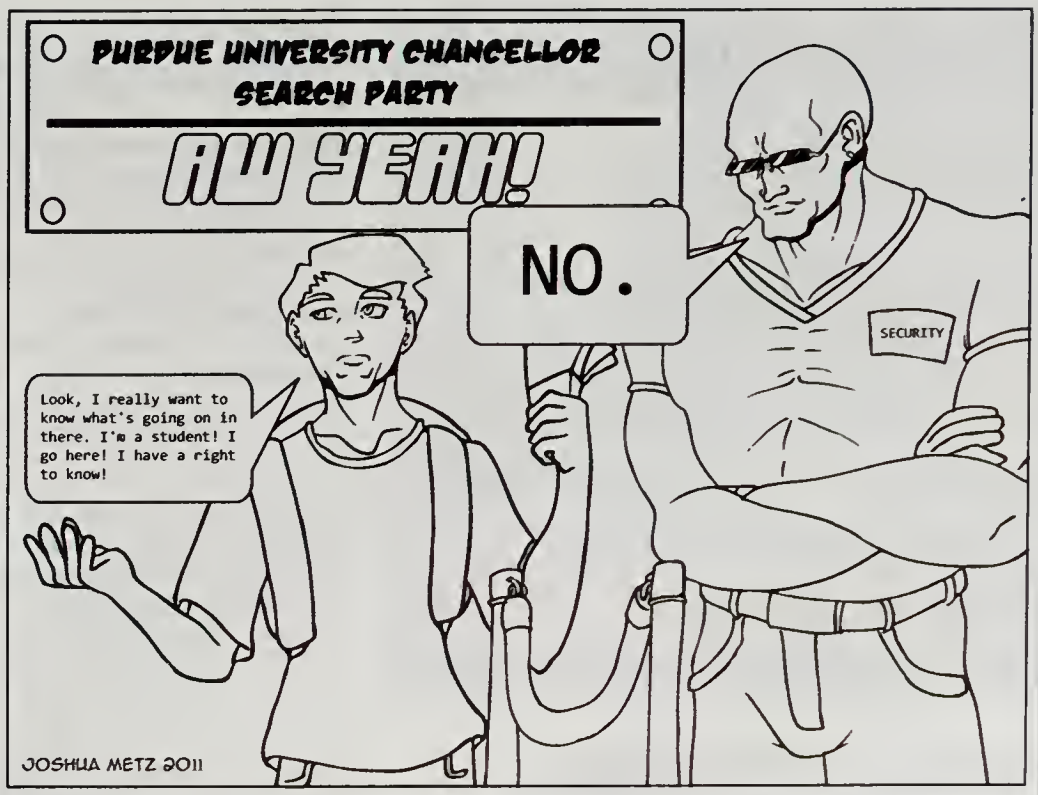
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Letter to the editor

Two students speak up

First off, I am upset with the formatting of this newspaper. It needs to be revamped and readjusted. No other news printing organization starts an article at the end of the paper then refers to the middle (i.e. starts on page 12, then jump to page eight). It's a stupid concept and needs to get totally thrown away.

Next, I am pissed off with some of these "articles."

The article "Grass is greener" by Brandon Stookey is complete nonsense. I understand it's an opinion article, but Indiana State is a much more prestigious and well known school than Purdue University Calumet. Their revenue exceeds ours by $50 million dollars. Maybe that is why they can afford better food. You can't compare apples and oranges. We all know the only reason people go to PUC instead of Purdue is because it's affordable, not because it's better. The same goes with Indiana State. It's better. If you want to compare this school to another, try IUN or Ivy Tech.

Next, I'm sick of these entertainment reviews and how these people can rate higher quality movies so poorly, but rate some unknown artist no one has heard of so high. "Unknown" was a highly rated movie by professional critics and at IMDB, but your SPORTS editor (I really emphasize SPORTS) only gave it a 5/10. Maybe you guys should have people stick to what their title suggests.

Also, I believe there should be a section dedicated to what's going around the world. Instead of 'No soup for you' getting an entire front page because of a discrepancy in the sizes, I think it would benefit the student population to get news about what is happening in Egypt, for example.

Hopefully you guys can take my criticism the right way and start producing a higher quality newspaper for betterment of the entire school. Maybe you would see more copies taken if you took my opinion and even changed the format from the same old boring one I see each week.

Sincerely,

Jordan Lindeman and Harry Manos

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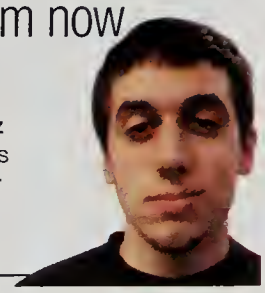
Breaks: enjoy them now



Rey Perez
Sports Editor

It's the time of the spring semester the entire student body and maybe even faculty look forward to. It's the checkpoint on the road to the summertime that lets everyone let their hair down, their alarm clocks snooze and their worries go poof.

It's spring break.

For some, it means making like birds and flying south for warm beaches, hot weather and a few drinks. For others, it means picking up a few more hours at work to try and put a little more cash in their pockets.

I mean, they probably need to after they decided to drop a class, but that's neither here nor there. And for a select and brave many, it's a time to catch up on assignments and studying that have been slipping through the cracks the entire semester.

No matter what category you may fall into though, one thing is key about spring break: to enjoy it.

That's right, even if your nose is in the books, enjoy spring break.

College is a strange time where breaks are something students have come to expect, and may be very little appreciated. The real world will sneak up on you eventually, and slap you right in your unsuspecting face. The reality of waking up for a real job rather than class will be soon enough.

Oh and by the way, in that scary place called the real world, there is no such thing as spring break.

Don't believe it? Next time you have a job interview, make it a point to ask that question.

"Yes, I was just wondering what my starting salary will be, and also when is spring break?"

I wouldn't expect a call back.

It's true. Scary, but true. Without realizing it, the moments a college student is experiencing right now are experiences they will never again get to experience in their entire lifetime. Soon it will be corporate offices, families and mortgages. Right now, it's homework, finals and relationships.

Sure, right now it all seems like a lot on the plate of a young adult, but in retrospect, this will go down as the best time of our lives. When the biggest worry is the huge exam coming up, it should be embraced.

Yes, there are many obstacles of the young adult, but none too tough to handle. Enjoy life. Enjoy breaks. Enjoy every moment.

Before you know it, the beach sand in your toes will be replaced by uncomfortable work shoes, sleeping in will turn into spilling coffee down the front of your dress pants and tough tests will become impossible work deadlines.

Embrace it: spring break is upon us. Enjoy.

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individuals and is appointed by the official governing body or presiding officer of that governing body of a public institution. If PUC's search advisory committee is a governing body by the ODL then the following laws apply.

When considering the appointment of a public official, in PUC's case the chancellor, the governing body must first develop a list of prospective candidates and consider applications. The governing body may then make one private decision of which prospective candidates will be interviewed, stated in the ODL.

The APRA states the following candidates' information must be made available to the public: name, compensation, job title, business address, business telephone number, job description, education and training background, and previous work experience.

The ODL states the governing body may not reduce the number of prospective candidates to less than three. Interviews of the last three candidates must be held at a meeting open to the public.

Andrew Kossack, public access counselor, contacted PUC's attorney, Deborah B. Trice.

Trice argued to be considered a governing body by the ODL, the committee must be appointed directly by the public institution's governing body or its presiding officer. She said the search advisory committee was appointed by Purdue University's president rather than Purdue's governing body or its presiding officer.

Kossack said, in an informal opinion e-mail response, Purdue University's governing body is the board of trustees and its presiding officer is the board's chairman, who is currently Keith Krach.

"Because Purdue's president, rather than the board or its presiding officer, appointed the committee to conduct the chancellor search and interview candidates, the committee is not subject to the Open Door Laws," Kossack said.

Unless otherwise decided by the committee, the next chancellor will remain a mystery until the chosen candidate officially takes office.

IS Connection

Information Services at Purdue University Calumet

Public Wi-Fi Safety Tips

There are many public places to access free wireless Internet these days. A local coffee shop, eatery or your local library are just a few examples of places that may provide this service for free. What you may not know is that the majority of public Wi-Fi hot spots do not use encryption, a process of encoding and securing information. This is very important if you're transmitting confidential information via the Web. With the proper encryption level in place, your information will be inaccessible to outside parties. When using public Wi-Fi hot spots, there are a few precautions you can take to ensure the security of your traffic:

- Make sure your wireless connection is protected by a firewall.
- Make sure you have updated anti-virus and anti-spyware software installed.
- If you have to enter personal data (credit card number, SSN, bank account information) from a public hot spot, make sure you're using a secure site. A web address that begins with **https** instead of **http** indicates a secure site.
- Check to make sure your webmail provider (Hotmail, Gmail, Yahoo, etc.) supports a secure connection (web address will begin with https). If they do not, you will need to be very careful about what you send and receive from this account as the contents of your email traffic as well as your username and password could be compromised.
- Delete all your cookies before connecting to a public hot spot. This will mean taking a few extra seconds to gain access to a favorite site, but it's worth it if you're concerned about hackers getting control of stored information from sites you've visited in the past.
- Turn off/disable your wireless when not connected.
- Only use public Wi-Fi hot spots for non-essential Internet business (reading the news, browsing, etc.)

Free Wi-Fi is convenient and a great marketing tool for businesses and various organizations, but consumers should be aware of the vulnerabilities associated with these types of networks and take the necessary precautions. For additional information concerning this subject search on the keywords *Wi-Fi Security*

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2.21.11 - Lawshe - 3 p.m.

While in Student Enrollment Services, a student set her phone on a desk and walked away. When she returned it was gone.

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2.23.11 - UV1 - 11:30 a.m.

Subject allegedly took money from a room.

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2.24.11 - Gyte - 2:45 p.m.

Counseling Center contacted PUCPD reference a student in need, and it was found they had previously left campus.

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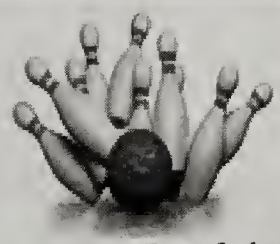

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Best of Both on Kennedy Avenue

Veterans

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"I remember them telling me that by the time I left there I'd complete a marathon," Duckworth told the crowd, joking she originally attributed what she heard to the effects of the pain medicine she was taking.

But with the aid of a wheelchair, she did complete a marathon after her recovery and continues to play a major role in advocating on behalf of the rights of people with disabilities and veterans.

Duckworth praised PUC for having an environment supportive of people with disabilities. In accordance with the programs theme to "Cultivate Inclusion," she reminded those in attendance not to think of people with disabilities as less able. She said instead to remember they are often more motivated to work than others and can accomplish just as much as anyone else.

Sophomore Phil Campbell served as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War and was also wounded in combat. The 63-year-old English education major, who has aspirations of becoming a literature professor, can often be recognized by the motorized scooter he uses to get around campus.

Campbell was also a speaker at the event and said he was honored to have been given the opportunity. He said it was also a privilege to introduce Duckworth, who he referred to as "a true American patriot."

Chronicle photo by Carl Kurek

Tammy Duckworth sepaks with members of the crowd after her speech at Disabilies Awareness Month program.

Chronicle photo by Carl Kurek

Phil Campbell, a Vietnam veteran and PUC student, chats with attendess of Disablilitiers Awareness Month.

Ideas

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about professors until a better way to evaluate is planned.

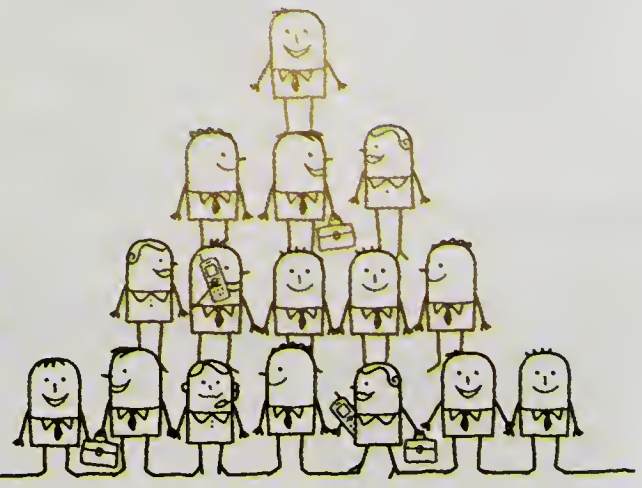
Another idea was to have surveys set up at the organization tables in SUL to get the students' opinion about SGA and what is being done for the students.

Student government is not just about helping the campus; soon, it is also going to be helping the city of Hammond. It plans to help stuff eggs for Hammond's Egg Hunt and the time stuffing eggs will help SGA members get some of the volunteer hours they need. By helping with the Egg Hunt, the organization proves they are not just focused on improving PUC, but the community.

SGA continues to work and improve campus for everyone. The association has many ideas they want to see implemented because they feel these ideas will benefit the students as well as the faculty.

While student government continues to come up with ideas, they are anxiously awaiting elections so they can get some new members and their fresh ideas.

CAREER SUCCESS SERIES



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'Drive Angry 3D' wrecks in any dimension

Bill Koester
Asst. Sports Editor

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3D has made quite a comeback in recent years. Several films shot normally have converted to 3D to squeeze a few extra bucks out of movie-goers. Other films are made solely with the idea of 3D in mind.

"Drive Angry" falls into the latter category. The film is yet another in the line of gory, nudity-filled tributes to old trashy cinema seen in "Kill Bill," "Grindhouse," "Piranha 3D" and others.

The film is a total mess, even considering it was likely intended to be a mess. When filmmakers try to make a serious picture with no budget and z-grade actors and fail, they may end up with a product so bad it is funny. When they try to intentionally make a movie so bad it is funny and fail at that, they get something like this.

There is no use trying to give a detailed plot, but Nicolas Cage plays a quiet, deadly loner who travels through the Deep South, with eye-candy Amber Heard tagging along, to rescue his infant granddaughter from a Satanic cult that looks like the crowd that would show up if Lamb of God ever did a double-billing with Rascal Flatts.

Reviewing this as a normal movie would also be stupid, as the filmmakers obviously tried to make a badly acted, over-the-top spectacle, but the picture even fails at that. The aforementioned films must have dulled any reaction to how raunchy and violent these movies get, because even in its bloodiest and most outrageous moments, "Drive Angry" just seems boring and passé.

Cage certainly has had one strange career. He once starred in well-received action movies like "The Rock" and "Face/Off," and is still held in high esteems by critics for some of his work, even winning an Oscar for 1995's "Leaving Las Vegas." It is difficult to remember any of that, though, because he keeps taking roles in films like this.

The movie does not even make good use of the 3D gimmick that was likely the only reason it was even made. There are not many scenes that look much different in 3D or objects that jump off the screen. The 3D is so awfully coordinated that watching the film slightly out of focus without the glasses is actually preferable.

The one bit of comic relief is character actor William Fichtner as a cocky, profane demon in human form pursuing Cage and Heard on their trek. Fichtner seems like the only one in the film having fun, and brings a little much-needed levity to an otherwise tedious affair. Unfortunately, he is not *that* great, certainly not good enough to make the movie worth seeing, but anyone forced to sit through it has to take any positives where they can get them.

Tongue-in-cheek homages to trashy B-movies can be fun, especially in 3D. "Drive Angry," however, is just complete garbage, not even as good, or entertaining, as any of the subpar pictures that inspired it.

"Drive Angry 3D" receives a 2 out of 10.

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'King of Limbs' is arms and legs above the rest

Rey Perez
Sports Editor

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At a stage where major bands from the 90's have now become irrelevant, Radiohead managed to continue their success while still pushing boundaries and limits in their eighth studio album, "The King of Limbs."

Released Feb. 18 on the band's Web site, it gave fans far and wide the ability to both legally and illegally download a large taste of what the band was up to over the past three-plus albumless years. Indeed, this is the first new material from the band fans have been able to hear in nearly half a decade, so it would be understandable for listeners to dive right into "The King of Limbs" with great anticipation and huge expectations.

If fans are searching for an old-school "Bends" or "OK Computer" album feel with classic songs like "High and Dry" and "Just," this album may be out of the realm of listening. Admittedly, the first listen is a challenge, as the relatively short album has more of an "In Rainbows" sound to it.

Easy listening was not the theme or mission here.

The album begins and hits the listener with "Bloom," a track that uses strong pulses and throbs to draw the listener in. While it does grab the ears like an upset grandmother, it almost borders on annoying by the end of the track. The electronic beats become almost too much to handle, and the balance of the song is way off. Granted, previous Radiohead tracks have successfully used these undertones, such as "Idioteque," but did it much better.

Almost surprisingly, the album shifts abruptly to a dark and dreary atmosphere, slipping the listener into an almost unconscious state, except in a good way. "Morning Mr. Magpie" and "Codex" bring the listener to that angelic harmony, while still keeping the theme of the album intact: pulses and throbs of sound. Only this time, the beats massage the ears for a gentler experience, and send the listener into a restful place.

Of the entire eight-track album, there may be no songs better than the singles of "Lotus Flower" and "Give up the Ghost." These tracks provide the almost perfect balance and mix of synthesized yummy goodness and front man Thom Yorke's voice Radiohead fans far and wide have come to love. By the time the tracks end, the fact it is over is rather disappointing, as this is the first time in the up-and-down album a smile may cross the face, the toes may tap and the head may bob.

It is, perhaps, just another example of Radiohead's constant push to be toward the front of the musical realm, always breaking boundaries and testing the limits for the listeners. "The King of Limbs" is a perfect example of this push. The album requires a second, third and maybe fourth listen to truly appreciate what was recorded, with the entire album setting itself up like a Christmas present wrapped in six boxes; annoying and weird at first, but ultimately worth the wait after listening.

"The King of Limbs" receives 8 out of 10.

Coming up short

Men's season leaves team hungry

Julie Sipek
Sports Reporter

Every season must come to an end. For the men's basketball team, this season ended with mixed emotions regarding playoffs, memories and the graduation of two senior leaders.

The men finished off the 2010-2011 season with an overall record of 11-17. While the record may not have been where they wanted it to be, a season cannot be defined by the numbers alone.

"This season was very enjoyable as I have never been with a team that cared so much for each other and quite simply just enjoyed being together," Coach Dan Voudrie said. "It was good to see the individual and collective growth that took place."

The team did grow close on and off the court. It is a rare sight to be walking around campus and see a basketball player without another one of his teammates in tow. Wherever the players go, they are usually having fun.

"I'm going to miss beating up on Mike (Patton)," freshman Thomas Pierce said.

Patton and senior Neal Hudson gave seven seasons between them to the program and have a lot to show for it. The two made the top five in nearly every statistical category this season and most notably went one and two, respectively, in rebounds.

"Leaving the team is bittersweet seeing as how we didn't win the conference tournament," Hudson said, "but I'm excited to see where the program is going with TP [Pierce] and all the other young players."

While the players will surely miss each other, they do not seem to miss the difficulties this season presented on the court.

"It felt like Christmas without getting the toy you wanted," Hudson said. "It was a good time, but on the other hand, we didn't go where we wanted to go."

Hudson and Pierce both agree the worst part of this season was the conference tournament game at Judson University, in which they ended their season with an 81-62 loss.

"I think being closer at the beginning of the year would have helped," Hudson said. "We were close at the end, but it wasn't enough."

The swift end to the season leaves players thinking about next year and the younger players to step up and fill in the gaps

Photo: Parvizsho Aminov

Graduating senior Micheal Patton is one of two seniors passing the torch of the men's basketball program to the underclassmen of the 2011-12 team.

"We are going to pick it up on defense and apply non-stop pressure," Pierce said.

Voudrie feels it is the returning players he has already that are going to benefit him the most next season.

"We don't want a lot of change as we look to next year. We plan to continue building upon the foundation that is in place," Voudrie said, optimistic of his team heading into next year. "Discipline and maturity go a long way toward greater consistency. And we certainly want to be more consistent, which ultimately equates to more wins."

That's all folks

A look back on the PUC women season

Jake Arredondo
Staff Writer

There is much to take from the 2010 campaign for the women's PUC hoops team. First and foremost, these young ladies can flat out play. If any doubt of that, challenge one of them to a game of HORSE. Secondly, in a season full of ups and downs, they never faulted and fought hard until the end.

Wrapping up the season with an overall record of 17-12, and a conference mark of 7-5, the women's program under Coach Tom Megyesi finished another strong campaign.

On a team level, they showed brilliance and an ability to dominate other teams. On an individual level, the players were as competitive as any.

Led by two first team All-CCAC players Stephaine Beck and Tierra Turner, PUC was dangerous, and for the first time in the program's history, there were three 1,000 point scorers donning the same jersey, Jenny Britton, MeMe Harris and Beck.

"Overall, I was pleased with our season," Megyesi said. "Our team was competitive and played hard every game. We worked hard in practice and had fun. We did a lot of laughing, too."

It really takes a special kind of team to bring Megyesi to admit he laughs.

Unfortunately, every team has its weaknesses, and there was a downside to this year. In preseason interviews, most of the team would have agreed advancing to the National Tournament was their ultimate goal, and an attainable one at that.

"We were hoping to advance to the National tournament, but it wasn't meant to be. I was pleased with our efforts every day," Megyesi added.

With next season already in the eyes of the team, focus now shifts from the past to the future as the offseason begins and the girls get to work.

"We plan to come back next year making our weakness strong and our strengths stronger," senior-to-be Beck added. "It'll be another great season."

For a team that loses only two players to graduation, the future looks as promising as any. The impact of the two graduates, though, will not be soon forgotten.

"MeMe and Jenny are two of the most well-rounded ladies I've ever played with," Beck said. "They'll succeed at the highest in the world."

Megyesi had even more to say about both graduates.

"MeMe was quite the 'character.' She is a tremendous competitor and leader. MeMe was an outstanding floor general. She will be greatly missed. Jennifer is an outstanding basketball player and an outstanding shooter. I have known Jen since she was in 2nd grade when she was attending my basketball camps at Lake Central High School. I am losing a daughter," Megyesi added.

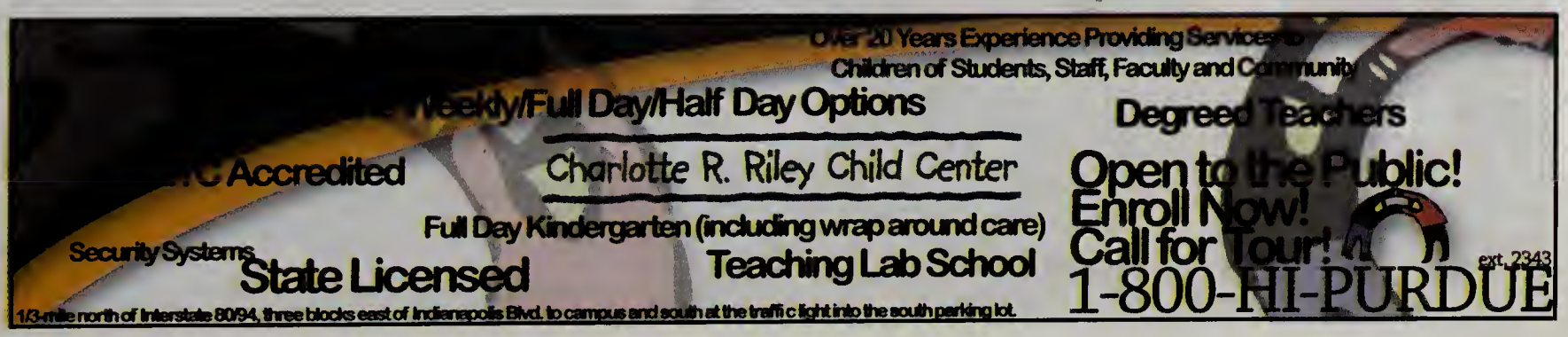
Photo: Lulu Zhao

Stephaine Beck, one of the 2010-11 leaders for the Peregrine ladies, will return for her final season in 2011-12.

Both of the seniors shared a similar sentiment.

"I hope incoming freshman can have the same experiences MeMe and I had and will keep the memories with them forever," Britton said.

When asked what lesson she took away from her four years, Harris responded, "Don't take anything for granted because you never know when it will be taken away from you."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